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work progress, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction and that do not contain a section entitled "Network Analysis System (NAS)."

836.576 Supplementary labor standards provisions.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-85, Supplementary labor standards provisions, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

836.577 Workers' compensation.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-86, Workers' compensation, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

836.578 Changes—supplement.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-88, Contract changes—supplement, in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction. (This section has been promulgated as a deviation from the FAR as provided in 801.4.)

(b) When negotiated changes exceed \$500,000, paragraph (a) of the clause at 852.236-88 will apply. Because paragraph (a) does not provide ceiling rates for indirect expenses, the contractor must furnish cost breakdowns and other supporting data on its rates for indirect expenses as part of its price proposal. The contracting officer must negotiate the rates for indirect expenses with the contractor and may request an audit in accordance with FAR 15.404-2.

(c) When the negotiated change will be \$500,000 or less, paragraph (b) of the clause at 852.236-88 will apply. Because the indirect cost rates in paragraph (b) of the clause at 852.236-88 are ceiling rates, the contracting officer must negotiate indirect expense rates within the ceiling limitations.

836.579 Special notes.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.236-91, Special notes,

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in solicitations and contracts for construction that are expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold for construction.

Subpart 836.6—Architect-Engineer Services**836.602 Selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts.****836.602-1 Selection criteria.**

(a) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in FAR 36.602-1, the evaluation board must consider the factors set forth in paragraph (b) of this section as they apply to the project or purpose of the selection. Values must be assigned to each factor in determining the relative qualifications of the firms identified as qualified through the pre-selection process. The board may adjust the assigned values after its discussions.

(b) The following factors must be considered:

(1) Reputation and standing of the firm and its principal officials with respect to professional performance, general management, and cooperativeness.

(2) Record of significant claims against the firm because of improper or incomplete architectural and engineering services.

(3) Specific experience and qualifications of personnel proposed for assignment to the project and their record of working together as a team.

836.602-2 Evaluation boards.

(a) The Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for Office of Construction and Facilities Management projects. The Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for National Cemetery Administration projects. The facility or VISN director, as appropriate, shall appoint an evaluation board to select architect-engineer contractors for field facility projects.

(b) The Director, A/E Evaluation and Program Support Service, will chair the evaluation board for Office of Construction and Facilities Management